

of declaring the whole of Russia in a state of siege. The ministers left in a very crestfallen state of mind.

The Novoe Vremya office is guarded by troops.

A member of the executive committee of the Workers' Alliance said today: "Oh, yes, the telegraph is still working to Berlin. We can cut it whenever it suits us to do so."

"The drosky drivers are still out, but you will readily understand this at such a moment."

Stupendous Job.

"The amount of details we are called upon to deal with is stupendous. Everything is being prepared for and nothing is overlooked, but this takes time. We are sitting 'on permanence'."

"At Moscow everything is in full swing. Here at St. Petersburg, where there is the head of the government, the difficulties to be overcome are greater. Wait twenty-four hours and you will see the whole movement perfectly arranged."

The Molva, formerly the Russ, bids adieu to its readers and says the edition is produced under great pressure, so it has no foreign telegrams or Bourse news. Like all the other newspapers, it ceases publication today.

The Electric Light, which reported the last strike, has gone under.

Count Witte Declared To Be Politically Dead

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—The Novoe Vremya declares that Count Witte is politically dead. Count Solsky is reported to have said that Alexander Gutchkov would succeed Witte.

No business is being done on the bourses of St. Petersburg and Moscow. Russian funds have dropped to 74. The imperial banks make advances at only 50 on Russian funds.

An official decree authorizes the landlords to organize militia.

The Novoe Vremya publishes a series of articles alleging that the Hebrews are at the head of the whole revolutionary movement.

Russian Cabinet Uses Repressive Measures

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Russian cabinet has definitely decided on repression, according to a St. Petersburg dispatch today. All the strike leaders in St. Petersburg, Moscow, and the provinces are being arrested.

Premier Witte publicly challenges the revolutionaries. He has given an order to the army to spare no ammunition.

Fifty-six thousand troops, with forty-eight machine guns, are guarding St. Petersburg.

CHRISTMAS APPOINTMENTS IN COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

The following appointments in the Department of Commerce and Labor were announced today, the appointments being in the nature of a Christmas present:

George Beck, J. D. Jackson, Charles E. Leavy, and L. A. Van Vleet, watchmen, at \$250 per diem, immigration service at Portland, Ore. The appointees were from Oregon.

Lighthouse service, Thorwald Danielson, South Carolina, first assistant keeper, \$500 per annum; Frank L. Miller, assistant keeper, \$400 per annum; Oliver W. Rowell, California, third assistant keeper, \$500 per annum, and Oliver A. St. Andre, Michigan, assistant keeper, \$400 per annum.

Glenn Van Auker, Indiana, clerk, \$700 per annum, Bureau of Standards; William E. Thompson, Louisiana, has been promoted from assistant keeper to first assistant keeper, at \$525 per annum, Light House Service.

"KANN'S" WILL DELIVER CHRISTMAS GOODS QUICKLY

The big store of S. Kann Sons & Co. comes to the end of the holiday season with special satisfaction both to itself and to its patrons. The store's Christmas business has been the most successful in the history of the establishment and the number of instances in which goods have miscarried or been damaged in delivery have been only about one-tenth as great as in former years.

As a further and final accommodation to customers the store will be open tomorrow morning to correct any last-minute mistakes and for the delivery of things previously ordered which involve work that could not be completed by tonight. It will not, of course, be open for purchases. Inquiries may be made by telephone or in person at the Eighth street door until noon tomorrow.

All goods purchased, no matter how late tonight will be delivered in time for Christmas.

FARRAGUT POST WILL INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

The following officers of Farragut Post, No. 16, G. A. R., will be installed at a joint installation of Farragut Post No. 16 and Farragut Relief Corps, No. 5, W. R. C., on Tuesday evening, January 9:

P. C. George, commander; H. A. Bunney, senior vice commander; John Jost, junior vice commander; R. Emmons, surgeon; George R. Cook, chaplain; S. W. Bunney, quartermaster; R. J. Cooksey, officer of the guard; B. F. Graham, officer of the guard.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS

The treasurer of the committee on the improvement of housing conditions, E. R. Bond, acknowledges with thanks the following contributions:

Mr. O. M. Brant, \$2.50; Miss M. Withington, \$2; Miss G. Withington, \$2; Washington New Church Mission, \$5; Cash, \$10; M. B. B., \$2.50; Thomas H. Riley, \$5; Government Printing Office employees, \$25.75; C. E. Wood, \$12.50; Admiral and Mrs. George C. Romey, \$5; Mrs. E. D. Townsend, \$5; Mrs. Joseph E. Thropp, \$50; Dr. George M. Kober, \$5; Gersham Bradford, \$1; Mrs. Lucy M. Hewitt, \$1; A. M. Lothrop, \$1; G. Lloyd, \$10; William F. Downey, \$5; and Edgar Frisby, \$1.

DEATH RECORD.

The following deaths were reported at the Health Department within the past twenty-four hours:

Baylor, Caroline, 52, 422 Franklin st. nw. Brooklyn, John B., 69, Providence Hospital. Bell, Rebecca, 6, 1414 14th st. ne. Coleman, Thomas, 42, 307 C st. ne. Dogberry, William H., 1, Twining City. France, Ephraim, 44, 815 G st. ne. Freeman, Helen Elizabeth, 25, 1148 Burdett st. ne. Fuller, Anna Theresa, 78, Garfield Hospital. Gross, James A., 26, 223 Pleasant alley. Grant, Amanda L., 55, 648 East Capitol st. ne. Hunter, Harold Paul, 13, 1511 15th st. ne. Huddleston, Sarah M., 76, 1208 G st. ne. Johnson, Floyd, 22, 313 11th st. ne. Martinian, Thomas, 1, 1624 23rd st. ne. McIntire, Ronald E., 11 months, 227 18th st. ne. Palmer, Sidney, 42, 1722 17th st. ne. Scott, Robert, 47, 215 B and Half st. ne. Simonds, Caroline A., 91, 1255 10th st. ne. Stimmering, John Byron, 1, 129 D st. ne. Thomas, Raymond, 6, 1224 Spring st. ne. Tait, Martha, 37, 1238 1/2 11th st. ne. Zambelli, Providence, 1 month, 1412 E st. ne.

Lieutenant Faces Trial For Humiliating Soldier

His Dignity Suffered, He Thought, When an Enlisted Man in His Company Sat Near Him in Theater.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec. 22.—It was learned yesterday that First Lieut. Roy L. Taylor, 123th Company, Coast Artillery, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Trumbull, must answer to a court-martial for humiliating an enlisted man of his company in public.

This is the first time that such a charge has been brought against an officer at the local fort, and army officers throughout the country are much interested in the outcome of the trial.

While the details of the charge against Lieutenant Taylor are not all known, it appears that he was attending a performance at a New London theater several nights ago, when he espied sitting near him in the orchestra pit a sergeant of his own company in uniform.

Hurt His Dignity.

According to the charges, the lieutenant, who has not been in the service as long as the sergeant, decided that he could not sit near an enlisted man with dignity.

Lieutenant Taylor, it is alleged, left his own seat and, approaching the sergeant, invited him to get his ticket coupons changed and sit where his place was.

CITIZENS PLEASED WITH NEW ENTERPRISE

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of South Capitol street, across the Eastern branch, thereby making possible such an extension leading directly to the Capitol.

It is believed by persons in a position to know something of what the Fifth-Stirling Company intends to do that the city will be the beneficiary of a connection with Washington with the "Giesboro Point" will be a certainty. Among the many other improvements which are anticipated for the manufacturing town is an extension of the tracks of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, which, it is said, will run across the site of the new town, make a loop, and return on a parallel route to the city.

Elaborate Plant.

Fifteen hundred workmen are employed by the Fifth-Stirling Company. Their wages are graded all the way from \$3 to \$10 per day, and the expense account of the company is said to amount to \$5,000,000 annually. The plant now in operation near Pittsburgh covers approximately thirty-five acres of buildings, and it is not improbable that a more elaborate establishment may be built up here.

The deal which resulted in the sale by Mrs. Heiskell has been pending for some months, and was finally closed Thursday of this week.

Citizens Enthusiastic Over Steel Plant

J. Ford Taylor, who is operating extensively at Washington Highlands, overlooking the property acquired by the Fifth-Stirling Company, was enthusiastic in his estimate of what the move of the steel company means to the future of Washington.

"I think," he said, "this is the first step toward the rapid development of the Southeast section of the District. It will greatly enhance the value of surrounding property, and in my judgment it will attract other manufacturers to this section. It is a great improvement to the business life of Washington. I do not see why a plant of this kind should come to Washington unless they have carefully considered their own business interests, and unless they saw that the future development of Washington would warrant the investment of such a large sum as they no doubt contemplate expending."

B. H. Warner said: "I do not think that there are any conditions which make the location of a large steel plant at all probable. The fact that the Government is a purchaser of the product will not enter into such a transaction at all. The ingredients would have to be brought here, as well as the men."

"The whole business connected with the manufacture is too heavy and too large to be entered into at this point as a new industry."

"Such a class of manufacturers would not, in my opinion, be a benefit to Washington. I am heartily in favor of lighter manufacturing which will employ some of our unemployed people."

Will Benefit City.

Charles F. Wallraft, treasurer of the Moore & Hill corporation, speaking of the new enterprise for Washington, said:

"The location of the steel plant here cannot but prove of great benefit to Washington in every way. There is no reason why this city should not become a great manufacturing center as well as all that it now is."

"Few cities in this country are better qualified naturally for manufacturing than Washington. We have here more than ample water power, unusually good transportation facilities by rail and by water, and a location that cannot be surpassed. Washington is close to the seaboard, in touch with all the great centers of population of the East and is the gateway to the South. This last means a great deal in itself, as it is in the South that the future great industrial development of the country is to be."

"Manufacturing here would mean a new outlet for effort to the thousands of Washington young men who, by reason of this city's peculiar conditions heretofore, have found their opportunities for employment heavily restricted to comparatively few vocations."

New Era of Prosperity.

James J. Lampton, of the real estate firm of Early & Lampton, who have been for many years operating in the northwest section of the District, stated that he had read with a great deal of interest the statement in yesterday's financial edition of The Times on the removal of the steel plant to Washington. He said:

"This is, to my mind, the beginning of a new era of prosperity for Washington. I hope to see within a few years the city become a great manufacturing center."

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A report of Lieutenant Taylor's action reached headquarters, and orders were received here today for the lieutenant to proceed immediately to Governor's Island, New York, for trial.

Michigan Man.

The officers at Fort Trumbull express no sympathy for Lieutenant Taylor in his predicament. Those who have been in the service for years have the greatest respect for their enlisted men.

Lieutenant Taylor comes from Michigan. He was graduated from the Michigan Military Academy in 1897 and served through the Spanish-American war in the Thirty-fifth Michigan Infantry.

After that he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Forty-fifth Volunteer Infantry, U. S. A., and was mustered out in 1901 as a first lieutenant. He was then appointed a second lieutenant in the Artillery Corps, from which he was promoted to his present rank.

It is understood here that the court-martial that will try Lieutenant Taylor will be convened at Governor's Island early next week.

Will Comply With Law.

J. R. Rose, representing the Fifth-Stirling Company, called upon Commissioner Macfarland yesterday, explaining that before concluding the purchase of the land on which the company proposes to erect its plant he would like to ascertain the exact status of the smoke law.

Commissioner Macfarland assured the company's representative that the District government would welcome any manufacturing enterprise, especially one which proposed to erect its plant away from the residential sections. The District Commissioner then inquired as to what arrangements would be made to comply with the smoke law, and was told by Mr. Rose that his company intended to fully meet with its requirements. Mr. Rose explained that the very process of manufacturing steel consumed the carbon in the fuel and prevented the emission of dense black or gray smoke.

Mechanics Will Come.

William Corcoran Hill said: "It is a great thing for Washington, especially the eastern section along Anacostia river. It will bring many steel mechanics here, and the case of men, all of whom receive good wages, will be such as to benefit conditions in many ways. There is a splendid opening before the eastern part of the District for substantial improvements as a result of the establishment of this plant. The other side of the Eastern branch will be benefited all the way to Benning months, and was finally closed Thursday of this week."

Will Bring Wealth.

B. F. Saul said: "It is what we want. If we get enterprises of that kind to come here it will bring wealth to the city. The wealthy cities of the country are either the mercantile centers or the manufacturing centers. As this is not a mercantile center, all we can hope for is to get large manufacturing plants to locate near Washington."

One Will Attract Another.

Charles W. Fairfax, of the real estate corporation of Stone & Fairfax, said:

"It is a most excellent thing to have a plant of this character located here. The city will have all the benefits to be obtained from an industry of that kind in a commercial way and it will be far enough removed to prevent depreciation in values in the residential sections of the city. As in everything else, one thing will attract another and other plants will come."

"People here do not appreciate adequately the possibilities of Washington as a commercial city. We have magnificent sites for water power, and the privileges of water power, etc. Such factories can be established here with great profit to the city and the people interested."

"We have a big population that could be profitably employed by industries on a large scale. We also have ample housing facilities for help of this character."

Manufacturing Center.

Louis P. Shoemaker said: "I was much gratified to read the report of the coming of the steel company. It is a step in the right direction. It will afford employment to many of our people and will create other lines of activity. There is no reason why this city should not become a great manufacturing center as well as all that it now is."

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THIEVES MAKE HAULS IN CHRISTMAS CROWDS

Woman Tried for Stealing Pocketbook in Department Store and Man for Picking Pocket.

Two cases of robbery as the result of the Christmas crowds were tried this morning in the United States branch of the Police Court.

Ellen MacFarland, a white woman about forty-five years old, was charged with stealing a pocketbook in a department store. She went to one of the floor walkers and asked to be directed to the department where the books were sold. When she reached the counter she picked up one of the pocketbooks quickly and held it in her hand as if it were her own while she inquired of the clerk the direction to another department.

The floor walker had seen the trick and placed her under arrest. She confessed that she had taken the pocketbook out of the case brought by Jennie Winnick, both colored. Jennie claimed that Johnson had picked her pocket while she was in the store and took a cloth case last night and that she had caught him in the act. Johnson, who pleaded not guilty, was held in custody for the action of the grand jury.

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Removal Is Due To Insufficient Facilities

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—The Fifth-Stirling Steel Company, of Denham, will move a part of its projectile plant to the 300 acres of land it has purchased near Washington. The cause for the removal is that it was impossible to get sufficient land adjoining its plant here to make the desired additions made necessary by increased business. The officers of the company will remain at Denham.

CONDITION IMPROVED.

The condition of Edward Beall McLean, who is suffering from an attack of appendicitis, was reported today as greatly improved. The doctors say that, barring complications, he will be at his desk in about two weeks' time.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature on each box, 25c.

CHURCH NOTICES.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 318 and H sts. nw.; Rev. Samuel H. Greene, D. D., pastor, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school, P. H. Bristol, superintendent. Public worship, with sermons by the pastor, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Special Christmas music. "The Lord's Supper" Club Thursday, 7 p. m. Church prayer meeting, 8 p. m. Endeavor meetings, Tuesday, 8 p. m. and Sunday, 9:30 and 6:45 p. m. All are cordially invited.

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH, Georgetown, corner O and 31st sts. nw.—Rev. James H. W. Blake, rector—Sunday, December 24, 1916: 7:30 a. m., holy communion; 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., full service and sermon by the rector; 11:15 a. m., celebration of the Holy Communion, Monday (Christmas Day); 11 a. m., full service and sermon by the rector; special music by the vested choir. Tuesday, December 26: 3 p. m., children's Christmas festival.

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BIG FIRE DESTROYS HOLIDAY PRESENTS

Gifts Worth \$30,000, Packed in Wagons and Ready for Distribution, Go Up in Flames Which Spread to Big Tenements.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Thousands of Christmas presents, all packed in wagons and waiting to be delivered in Brooklyn and other parts of the country, were swallowed up in a fire early today, which practically destroyed the four-story brick structure of the New York Transfer Company, in Brooklyn, where the Adams and Dods Express companies have a distributing bureau.

In all, it is estimated, about \$30,000 worth of holiday gifts was consumed. Besides this, property valued at \$80,000 was destroyed.

The building stood in the heart of a district containing frame as well as brick tenements, and the flames spread with such rapidity that whole families were turned out, many in their night clothes, to escape threatening death.

Four alarms were sent in to headquarters, and the fire assumed such proportions that Chief Croker crossed the bridge to take command in person.

At the time the flames were discovered there were 105 horses on the third floor, and the drivers and stablemen displayed remarkable heroism, braving the flames and taking out alive every animal.

The flames started in the left loft of the section of the building—which is L-shaped—occupied by the Adams Company, at 186 and 189 Adams street. Hay and other inflammable material fed the flames, which spread rapidly.

The slope was steep, and how Bozinsky escaped being dashed to death is a wonder. He had tried to jump on a wagon on top of the slope and missed his footing.

But the foreign settlements contain an important internal resource in the shape of a well-organized volunteer guard, about which little is known outside of China. Nearly forty years ago the foreign residents, then few in number compared with those now living there, organized this force. The best men in the community enrolled themselves in this volunteer organization, corresponding to American militia companies and regiments. The British were the most numerous, with Americans a close second, and these two nationalities have uniformly acted together in all matters of defense.

The British government has armed this force. It is made up in large part of young men of athletic training and habit, used to cross-country riding and to field sports, making an ideal volunteer organization. The companies elect their own officers, but the entire force is every year carefully inspected by a British regular army officer of high rank.

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